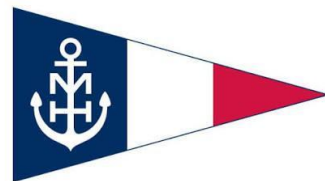




Pinehill Derby

Fall Series Regatta

August 29 - 30, 2026



Hosted by Mentor Harbor Yacht Club
5330 Coronada Dr • Mentor, OH 44060

NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority: The Pinehill Derby Regatta is organized by Fleet 9 and Mentor Harbor Yacht Club.

1. Rules:

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. 1.2 All US Sailing prescription to RRS 63 will not apply.
- 1.3. 1.3 All boats must carry a working vhf radio capable of receiving and transmitting on marine channels at all times while on the water.
- 1.4. 1.4 Alcohol consumption by persons under 21 years of age, the use of illegal substances and the abuse of prescription-only drugs shall be considered "misconduct" for the purposes of RRS 69.

2. Communication:

- 2.1. Event registration and Digital Notice Board can be found on the Club Spot Event Calendar.
- 2.2. **Clubspot link to be provided at a later date**
- 2.3. Notices to competitors prior to the event will be posted on the Digital Notice Board. During the event, notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board located inside MHYC. As a courtesy, notices during the event may also be displayed on the Digital Notice Board.
- 2.4. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole or mast that Uncle John selects.
- 2.5. A competitors' meeting will be held at 1000 on Saturday, August 29, 2026.
- 2.6. The RC may transmit via VHF radio (channel 72) information concerning safety, OCS boats, fishing reports and general information to assist in the management of the event. The use of any other electronic communication devices, including cellular phones, is prohibited except in an emergency or for the purpose of listening to the baseball game.
- 2.7. Except in an emergency, a participating boat shall neither make nor receive radio communications not available to all participating boats.

3. Sailing Instructions:

- 3.1. Sailing instructions will be available in in Clubspot at least one day prior to the event, probably.
- 3.2. The Sailing Instructions will also be posted on the Official Notice Board located inside MHYC.
- 3.3. Any change to the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions will hopefully be posted before they take effect.
- 3.4. Changes to the Sailing Instructions resulting from questions at the competitors' meeting will be posted ASAP.

4. **Eligibility and Entry:**

- 4.1. This regatta is open to all members of the Thistle Class Association who meet the eligibility requirements of class rules.
- 4.2. Eligible boats may enter by notifying Conor Ruppen, completing the online entry on Clubspot and paying the required fee, no later than 0930 on Saturday, August 29, 2026.
- 4.3. Registration will be online only.

5. **Fees:**

- 5.1. The entry fee is \$150 through August 24
 - 5.1.1. The entry fee prior to August 24 includes racing, three dinner tickets for Saturday night, after racing beer, camping, LEFS trophies, and light breakfast and coffee Sunday morning.
- 5.2. The entry fee is \$100 after August 24
 - 5.2.1. The entry fee after August 24 includes racing, but **no dinner tickets! Please register early!**
- 5.3. Skippers under 21: save \$50 from registration
- 5.4. Additional dinner tickets available for purchase on Clubspot. Additional **dinner tickets must be purchased before August 24**

6. **Schedule:**

- 6.1. The schedule of events is as follows:

Saturday

- 0830 Check-In
- 1000 Competitors' Meeting
- 1130 Warning signal for Race 1, additional races to follow as conditions permit
- After Racing – Beer and Pool!
- 1800 Dinner
- 1900 Live music on the patio (Free for everyone), Cash bar

Sunday

- 0815 Continental Breakfast
- 1000 Warning Signal, additional races as conditions permit (no start after 1400)
- Awards to Follow

- 6.2. The number of races each day may vary as weather conditions permit. The total number of races for the regatta shall not exceed seven (7).

7. **Venue:**

- 7.1. Races will be sailed on the freshwater of Lake Erie outside MHYC harbor entrance.
- 7.2. In the event of weather, alternate race course are lanes 1 and 2 in the pool

8. **Courses:**

- 8.1. The courses to be sailed will be specified in the Sailing Instructions. Courses will be

windward-leeward

9. Equipment Inspection:

- 9.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time by the Organizing Authority for compliance with Thistle Class Association rules.

10. Scoring:

- 10.1. Scoring will be just like every other regatta, ever.
- 10.2. A minimum of one completed race will constitute a regatta.
- 10.3. A boat's regatta score shall be the total of her race scores, with no races excluded. This changes RRS A2.1.

11. Penalty System:

- 11.1. RRS Appendix V shall apply which states: Penalties at the time of the incident: According to Appendix V; the first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty." 10.2 Penalties within three (3) boat lengths of Mark 1 or on the leg from Mark 1 to Mark 1a may be delayed and taken as soon as possible on the downwind leg. This changes RRS 44.2 and V1
- 11.2. Penalties after the race: After a race, a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. The penalty shall be a 20% Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply and the penalty shall not be taken after a protest hearing involving the incident has begun. A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by informing the race committee in writing and identifying the race number and when and where the incident occurred

12. Prizes:

- 12.1. Prizes will be awarded to skippers and crew placing first through third in the regatta.

13. Risk Statement:

- 13.1. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

14. Insurance:

- 14.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

15. Further Information:

- 15.1. For regatta information, please contact Conor Ruppen (c.ruppen@yahoo.com or 724-601-6754).
- 15.2. PRO: Probably a Sackett

ADDITIONAL REGATTA INFORMATION

Clean Regatta:

- We have registered as a Clean Regatta with Sailors for the Sea (www.sailorsforthesea.org).
- Please bring and use refillable water bottles and beer/coffee cups, reef-safe sunscreen, non-toxic boat wash (or water-only), and reusable bags for regatta provisioning. Also, please dispose of waste in the proper receptacle (compost/landfill/recycle).
- We will not be handing out paper copies of the NOR or SI at check-in. If you would like paper copies of these documents, please bring them with you from home.



Boat Storage/Gate Access Code:

- Gate access is controlled by a fob. A regatta-specific code for the lockbox located at the front gate will be created to provide access to the guest fob. The code will be emailed to registered competitors before the event.
- Please let us know if you will be arriving Friday, so we can provide instructions on where to leave the boat.

Crew Finder:

- Please contact Carrie Ruppen (carrie.ruppen@gmail.com or 440-903-7341) if you need crew or know of people available to crew. North Coast Women's Sailing Association is in Cleveland and we can find available crew so don't hesitate to reach out!

Club Space:

- During the day, the pool will be open to sailing families!
- After dinner, the regatta will be sharing the pool bar area and live music with a club member event. Please enjoy the club facilities! **Per club policy the dress code inside the club house after 5pm requires collared shirts for men and no hats.**

Housing:

- Camping is available on the beach at the club. Power hookups are available for campers and plenty of space for tent camping. Contact Conor to RSVP



Fleet 9 looks forward to welcoming you to Mentor!